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James T. Caudle ) Madeline Gonzalez  
Serial No.: 10/627,217 ) Group Art Unit: 2859  
Filed: July 25, 2003 )  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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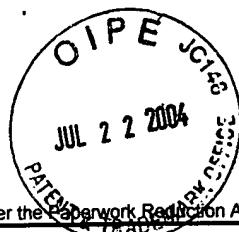
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